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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of this body to take appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of this State; and

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WHEREAS, Ridesharing has become a popular mode of transportation and a source of income for drivers in many states across the country, including Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Although ridesharing companies perform criminal background checks, those checks have often proved inadequate, allowing those convicted of sex crimes, homicides, and other dangerous felonies to be approved as drivers; and

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WHEREAS, On May 18, 2016 in Gaithersburg, Maryland, a rideshare driver with an extensive criminal record was arrested for allegedly using a homemade gun to attempt to shoot and kill multiple county police officers; and

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WHEREAS, At the time of his arrest, it was discovered that the rideshare driver had a lengthy felony record, including weapons possession, arson, armed robbery, burglary, drug possession, vehicle theft, and malicious destruction of property; and

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1 WHEREAS, The possibility of having rideshare drivers in
2 Illinois with extensive criminal records is a grave concern;
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4 WHEREAS, In 2014, the General Assembly passed HB 4075,
5 establishing greater guidelines, including criminal background
6 checks with fingerprinting, which has been proven an effective
7 method of criminal identification; however, the bill was vetoed
8 by then Governor, Pat Quinn; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Chicago
11 City Council to pass Alderman Anthony Beale's ordinance to
12 mandate that criminal background checks include fingerprinting
13 for all rideshare drivers; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel, and all members of
16 the Chicago City Council.